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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Etienne R. A. Grasset, et al. : Group: 1612
Serial No.: 10/520,637 :
Filed: 01/07/2005 : Examiner: Badio, Barbara P.
For: HORMONE ... GYNECOLOGY :

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March 23, 2008

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 22, 2008, reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks:

The Examiner deems that there are four species in the application, namely:

3,5-dienes,

4,6-dienes,

A-ring aromatics,

4-ene, etc. steroid derivatives.

Applicants elect with traverse the compounds of group I which are the 3,5-dienes which correspond to the progesterone derivatives on page 5 of the application and the the